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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TOILET FILL VALVE WITH VALVE LOCK

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number _____.

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☐ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the above identified invention as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT International Application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119	
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therein.

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